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Westover Hills Bus Line Passed

Bus transportation between McGuire and the Westover Hills and Forest Hill sections was approved by the Richmond Board of Aldermen Tuesday night and is expected to be signed by Mayor Herbert in a few days.

The ordinance was introduced upon petition of the Richmond-Ashland Bus Co. in view of the number of McGuire employees who daily travel the route of the proposed bus line. Heretofore, all such employees had to depend on obtaining private transportation, the shortage of which was nearing the critical stage.

The bill restricts travel on the new route to passengers crossing the city line either to or from Richmond.

The proposed bus route follows:

From the hospital along Broad Rock Road to Forest Hill Avenue, to 30th Street, to Semmes Avenue, to Forest Hill Avenue, to Taylor Street, to Dunstan Avenue, to 47th St., to Prince George Road, to Devonshire Road, to Prince Arthur Road, to Evelyn Byrd Road, to Westover Hills Boulevard, and to Devonshire Road.

Initiation of service early next week was predicted by Ernest G. Blake, general manager of the bus company. The mayor has until Sunday to sign the ordinance.

Fare for the bus line has been set at ten cents.

'The Happy Journey'

The Theater Association of the Richmond Professional Institute will visit the Red Cross Auditorium Saturday night at 7 and offer their production of the popular play, "The Happy Journey," directed by Raymond Hodges.

At the conclusion of the performance the cast and associates will join with the audience in a social hour.

2 Patients Win Bronze Star For Leyte, France Exploits

By SGT. DICK BRUNER

Two distantly-separated theaters of operations were brought closer together at McGuire's formal retreat ceremonies Friday, when Cpl. Andrew Schoeb, Jr.—of the Pacific Theater—and Pvt. Reese J. Davis—of the European Theater—were presented with the Bronze Star Medal by Colonel Duggins.

Cpl. Schoeb, Ward 14, who lives in North Bergen, N. J., was awarded the Bronze Star "for heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on the first night of the Leyte campaign."

"And what a night that was," says the corporal. "A buddy of mine and I were sleeping in shifts in our foxhole and on my last watch for the night I spotted a Jap sneaking past our position and heading for one of our tanks on the beach. I was afraid



TREATMENT ON THE DOUBLE—When two nurses in one hospital come from New York City, it's not news. When two nurses come from Smicksburg, Pa., it's news. But when they are twins—it's sensational, as evidenced by the beaming countenance of Pfc. Samuel Davis who is caught between them. The twins—both Smicksburgers—are Lila (left) and Alma (right) Stiteler, newest additions to McGuire's staff.

Check Cashing Tops Activities At McGuire Bank

The number of checks cashed—2,500 to be exact—was No. 1 on the "Hit Parade" of services rendered at the McGuire branch of the Morris Plan Bank during the month of March, according to Mr. Taylor, branch manager.

Topping this popular service were 1,400 treasury checks totaling about \$117,000 and 1,100 checks on other banks totaling \$66,000.

"Although there's no doubt that the cashing of checks is our most used service," Mr. Taylor added, "we have many other facilities available for the staff and patients, both military and civilian, at McGuire. We hope many more

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Cash Sale of Bonds Over \$1,400 Mark in Second Day

Purchases of War Bonds during the first day and a half after the opening of cash sales in the Seventh War Loan Drive at McGuire totaled \$1,422.75, according to an announcement by Lt. White, War Bond officer.

Coupled with this announcement was the report that War Bonds may now be purchased during the 90-day drive

Bulletin

Fifty members of the "Winged Victory" cast will show up for a special performance at the Red Cross auditorium Monday, 7 p.m., it was announced this morning by the special services office.

The cast has also promised a tour of wards for bed patients during an afternoon next week.

The Red Cross showing is for military personnel, but patients will have first call on seats.

McGuire Chapel To Be Dedicated In Sunday Service

The McGuire Chapel will be formally dedicated Sunday April 15, with the Third Service Command Chaplain, Col. Ralph C. Deibert, speaking at both the morning and afternoon services, Chaplain Swank disclosed today.

Chaplain Deibert will speak first at the regular morning service at 9:30 and will deliver the dedication address in the afternoon at 3. Father Albert F. Pereira, of the Sacred Heart Church will preside at the invocation, and Rabbi Nathan Kollin, of Beth-El Synagogue, will also address the congregation.

Music for the special services will be furnished by the Bainbridge Street Baptist Choir in the morning, and by the Acca Temple Chorus in the afternoon. Soloists will include Mrs. Louis G. Binns, singer, Miss Marie Traser, organist, John Cortopassi, violinist, and Cantor Morris I. Okun, singer.

Open Air Bandstand Plan OK'd

Construction of an outdoor bandstand-theater directly across the street from the Administration Building will soon get under way at McGuire, according to an announcement by Colonel Duggins.

The project, which will bring the number of stages at McGuire up to three, is the result of a voluntary donation of a \$2,500 check presented to Colonel Duggins by the Friedman Marks Clothing Company and Local 88 of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America, acting in the interests of closer cooperation between labor and management.

The theater plans, submitted by Major Walter B. Belitz, post engineer, have already been approved and include blueprints for a stage 40 feet in length and 15 feet in depth. Dressing rooms will be constructed backstage and as an additional feature, the rear wall of the stage will be painted with a special theater screen effect for the presentation of motion pictures.

Although the \$2,500 appropriation will cover the actual construction costs of the stage, other monies will have to be raised in order to fully equip the theater with curtains and other theatrical supplies that are necessary in the production of stage shows.

When construction of the new outdoor bandstand-theater is completed, band concerts, USO Camp Shows, organization meetings, radio broadcasts, soldier shows and personal appearances of visiting celebrities will all be booked to grace the boards of its professionally-planned stage.

Upholstered Seats Due in Theater

An appropriation of approximately \$2,900 has been authorized by the War Department for the installation of 350 individual seats in the McGuire Post Theater, Lt. Remley, chief of the purchasing branch, revealed today.

The seats, which will take the place of the current benches, will be made up of plywood backs, upholstered seats and metal frames to insure every comfort.

Lt. Remley said the new seats would be installed as soon as a AA-2 Priority is authorized by the War Department.

Band Lines Up Own Variety Show

A one-hour variety show chock full of entertainment surprises—written by and starring members of the McGuire Band—is slated for appearance in the Red Cross Auditorium next Tuesday at 7 p.m.

A hilarious take-off on Hollywood, baffling magic stunts by Pfc. Rudy "Mandrake" Walde, impersonations by Cpl. Joe Wright and other novel acts will highspot the show.

RICHMOND TOURS

Patients desiring to go on a guided tour of Richmond on Wednesdays may do so by contacting Lt. David M. Tieszen, Educational Reconditioning chief.



Cpl. Schoeb

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Nazis Have Plan for World War III

By Camp Newspaper Service
The State Department has made public evidence of German plans for continuing the fight for world domination even after total military defeat. The evidence was collected by various Allied Governments, and is based on reliable information, according to State Department officials.
Here are some of the things envisaged, or already under way, in the German blueprint for World War III:
"Nazi party members, German industrialists and the German military . . . are now developing post-war commercial projects, and are endeavoring to renew and cement friendships in foreign commercial circles and are planning for renewals of prewar cartel agreements.
"An appeal to the courts of various countries will be made early in the post-war period through dummies for 'unlawful' seizure of industrial plants and other properties taken over by Allied Governments at the outbreak of the war. In cases where this method fails, German re-

purchase will be attempted through 'cloaks' who meet the necessary citizenship requirements.
"German technicians, cultural experts and undercover agents have well laid plans to infiltrate foreign countries with the object of developing economic, cultural and political ties. German technicians and scientific research experts will be made available at low cost to industrial firms and technical schools in foreign countries. German capital and plans for the construction of ultra-modern technical schools and research laboratories will be offered at extremely favorable terms since they will afford the Germans an excellent opportunity to design and perfect new weapons."
In addition, German propaganda will be directed at removing Allied control measures by "softening up" the Allies through a subtle plea for "fair treatment" of Germans and later the program will be intensified with the object of giving rebirth to all Nazi doctrines and furthering German ambitions for world domination.

McGuire Scroll of HONOR

The following McGuire civilian employes has completed one year of consecutive service:

Frank Gilliam and Willie H. Thomas, Post Engineer; Charles E. Michie and Fountain L. Tiller, Guard; Piccola G. Blount and Janie R. Thompson, Charwoman; Virginia Epperly, Civilian Personnel; Daniel A. Patron, Janitor.

Chapel Schedule

PROTESTANT
Sunday Service.....9:30 a.m.
Lenten Service.....Wed., 6:30 p.m.

CATHOLIC
Sunday Mass.....8:30, 10:30 a.m.

JEWISH
Friday Services.....6:45 p.m.

The Wolf by Sansone

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"No! This is not Lambie-Pie!"

LIBRARY NOTES

By T-Sgt. BILL JOHNSTON, JR.
Patient, Ward 54

No more fascinating accounts of the building and the character of America can be found than in the accurate and picturesque biographies of her outstanding adventurers.
I have just finished reading SAILOR ON HORSEBACK. It's the story of the Kipling of America. It's the story of the man who wrote such immortals as THE CALL OF THE WILD and THE SEA WOLF. Yes, it is the story of Jack London.
You will enjoy this romantic adventure and live through every page, you will sail with Jack and the oyster pirates on reckless adventures and brave the howling winds of the mysterious north in search of gold! You will love Jack London as millions did—this man who loved life and lived it boldly and fearlessly. You will be astounded at his everlasting good nature. He spent money lavishly, and because of his good nature and human kindness his expenses were always beyond his income. He once said, "If cash comes with fame, bring fame but if cash comes without fame bring cash," and "As for the habit of spending money I shall always be its victim." This was Jack London. A much loved personality—Need I say more?

GOODNIGHT SWEET PRINCE
is a story of another great personality entirely different from our adventurous friend London. This tells the tale of the American theater, the Hamlet of the 20th Century, the Profile himself, the great John Barrymore. Millions of readers have waited for, and read this lovable human story of Barrymore as we knew him.
It's the story of his life, his loves, his vast extravagance and witty humor, outstanding even to his dramatic end.
Don't be surprised that while reading, you are carried away and find yourself in some theater listening to the immortal words of Barrymore the actor, and then rushing suddenly to some tavern and drinking with Barrymore the man with his hundreds of friends. Yes, you will laugh with him and pity him, and you will love him for his human kindness. This was John Barrymore the actor. Nay, not the actor but the American theater, and when he died, so did Hamlet die, for Hamlet was John Barrymore.

the inquiring line

By Camp Newspaper Service

Q. Does National Guard time count toward retirement pay? I am thinking of joining the National Guard after the war, and some of the men in my outfit say that I can drill one night a week for 30 years and at the end of that time retire on a federal pension. Is that right? Also, if I re-enlisted in the Army later, would my National Guard time count toward retirement pay?

A. No. Time served in the National Guard counts toward longevity pay but does not count toward retirement pay.

Q. Can a man be shipped back to the States if his brother has been killed in action in this war? I tried to check this with my CO but he didn't seem to know anything about it. My brother was killed in France, and I am serving in the Philippines.

A. No, only a sole surviving son of a family that has lost 2 or more sons in the war can be returned to the states under WD policy. Even then, if he is engaged in non-hazardous duty overseas he may be kept at his overseas assignment.



Former Prisoner of Japanese Lauds McGuire Hospitality

Terming McGuire his "first home since returning from the Philippines," Lt. Col. Garnet P. Francis and his wife, an army nurse, left Monday for a 30-day sick leave in St. Petersburg, Florida.
Colonel Francis, a Dental Corps officer, married his lieutenant-wife under Japanese shell fire on Bataan in January, 1942. Three months later they were separated, not to be reunited until February, 1944, in the Santo Tomas prison camp of the Japanese in Manila. Colonel Francis lost his sight last February 7, from the blast of a Japanese shell which hit his operating room, after the enemy had already abandoned the prison camp.
In a letter of temporary farewell to Colonel Duggins, Colonel Francis wrote:
"To the Commanding Officer:
"I wish to express my sincere appreciation to you and your staff for the kind treatment extended to my wife and myself while I was a patient at this hospital.
"The cooperation shown by the various departments of your command is a testimonial to the splendid organization you have established.
"This is a hospital in every sense of the word. But more than that, it has the hospitality of a home for those soldiers returning from overseas.
"Much can be said for the nurses, the corpsmen, civilian attendants and Red Cross staff who have made every moment I have spent here a pleasant one.
"I am looking forward to my return to McGuire with anticipation of a great deal of pleasure. This has been my first home since returning from the Philippines and the treatment we have received has left a lasting impression.
"To the patients of McGuire, my sincere best wishes for your speedy recovery and the return to your homes very soon."

G.I. SHAVINGS

BY

Pvt. Joe Q. McGuire

For the followers of the Squared Circle here's a name to jot down for post-war possibilities: Detachment's own Pfc. Pat Vendrillo. He comes from a boxing family and was very successful in amateur ranks prior to his entry into the service, claiming never to have taken the count. Last week while home on his delay to Ft. Lewis, Vendrillo reappeared in a Hartford, Conn., ring and scored a two-round kayo over his opponent, in what our informant hinted was Pat's first professional scrap. He weighed in at 176.

Pity poor Paul Bindiger who sweated out his New York furlough only to be so disappointed with conditions there that he looked forward to returning to McGuire and the bright lights of the day room.

The rapid advances by our armies in Europe has relieved pressure on many fronts. So it is at the Signal Office and T-Sgt. Peter Aanania finally left the post on a three-day pass. Careful Pete, it's habit forming.

Oh Boy, just wait 'til our pool opens!

Girls when they swim
Once dressed like Mother Hubbard
Now they have a bolder whim,
And dress more like her cupboard.

Get in line for the cigars, fellows. Supply Sgt. Sam Baughman is ready to hand out another box of them.

Among the "heroes" to whom Jimmy Dorsey dedicated a song at the Mosque, were those habitual "first nighters" occupying their usual box, Sid Diamond and Myron Weinstock.

Collectionists sometimes border on the queer side and among the queerest is the ward man, or former ward man, whose hobby is collecting dainty (?) unmentionables and who claims to have twenty-seven pairs of same.

What is the attraction McGuire holds over its alumnae? Just a few weeks ago it was T-Sgt. Dominic DeCocco who took two days of his furlough for a Richmond visit. Latest to sign the guest register is Lt. Richard Cousins. Dick, a former enlisted man here is in charge of a laboratory at Gardner General Hospital in Chicago.

The next time citations are handed out for good work how about somebody giving the boys in Baggage Room a pat on the back. Did you know that during the Easter holidays there were over six hundred patients on leave, which means every one of them was clothed to his own satisfaction before he left, even though he might have changed his mind a dozen times.

... And have you bought a War Bond today?



PRIVATE ROMEO TELLS HIS STORY of escaping from a Nazi trap in the Belgian Bulge over last week's "Open House at McGuire" radio program. Sgt. Barry Schectman, left, interviewed him on the air and Cpl. Bob Harnick, extreme right, operated the sound effects for the dramatization.

Task Force Back from Death Of German Trap in Belgium

Christmas Night, 1944, was not calm, but Private Richard R. Romeo long will remember its terrible brightness—the brightness of angry orange flames.

For Romeo, patient in Ward 24, was one of "Task Force" Hogan's fighting men who escaped a German trap in Belgium the night of Dec. 25 and, looking back, saw the sheets of fire eating up the tiny town they'd left behind.

Romeo, an armored force driver, one of 400 men given up for lost after encirclement in the Belgian breakthrough, told how the task force sped 30 miles into German lines only to be repulsed and then was ambushed on the way back by three Panzer divisions outnumbering it hundreds to one.

"We were even doing all right at the start against these guys," Romeo related, "but all of a sudden Jerry artillery started falling right on us. They had us 'zeroed' in and really were causing a lot of damage and we lost a lot of men.

TOWN SPOTTED

"Then we spotted a little town off to the right, somewhere east of Marche, Belgium. It was guarded by the remnants of a Jerry Panzer division, but we took it and cleaned it out. Then we posted tanks at the seven road entrances and settled down to hold out."

Actually there wasn't much hope. The Americans were low on food, ammunition and every other necessity. They had 20 wounded men—and no medical supplies. The Germans surrounded the town on four sides and escape seemed impossible.

Eventually radio contact with American forces was established and an attempt was made to deliver medical necessities by artillery shells. But the range was too long, and the precious supplies fell into German hands. Another try was made at flying food in by transport planes, but the Germans heard the arrangements on their radio, set up the same signals on the ground—and gathered up the bundles.

"We were pretty low when we saw these transports drop the stuff we needed so badly right into the Jerries' hands," Romeo said. "We had only a few 'K' rations and we had to divide them up into darned small bits to give each man a little bite.

NO MEN LOST

"We fought off patrol after patrol of Jerries for five days and didn't lose a single one of our men. The whole area surrounding our position was littered with dead Germans. Then the Jerries began to tighten up on us and really hem us in. On Christmas eve a Jerry officer and two enlisted men carrying a white flag came out and asked us to surrender. Colonel Hogan refused. He wouldn't give up."

That same night plans were laid for the desperate escape attempt. The Americans blackened their faces with dirt, oil and anything available. They destroyed all their equipment except two vehicles for transporting the wounded men. A medical officer and two enlisted corpsmen were to stay in the town and surrender with the wounded when the rest of the unit had left.

Medic and Man He Saved Meet Again—In Ward 56

Pvt. Guy Harris, paratrooper patient in Ward 56, sized up Cpl. Harold Wiley, who was two beds away, and he said to himself, "I know that man."

Both boys will appear on this Saturday's "Open House at McGuire" radio show to tell of one of the most amazing coincidences on record here.

It started during the Belgian Bulge. Harris crawled out of his foxhole to carry a message to the battalion command post when a heavy Nazi barrage opened. His first thought was to beat it back till the fire let up when a shell with the same thought in mind lobbed over and proceeded to pick Harris off the ground and carried him 20 feet to place him snugly at his starting point.

When a buddy saw him bleeding, he called for medical aid. The call was passed along to the rear, to be answered with the hasty arrival of Wiley, company aid man.

Realizing that Harris needed serious treatment immediately, Wiley said he would be back in 15 minutes with more aid. It was a full 30 minutes until he returned. He explained that the extra time was spent arguing against advice not to go back into that shell fire, for it was nearly certain death.

Four hours later, Wiley, too, was

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"We started out of the town, after dark, in single file," Romeo related. "We were about 200 yards out before the Jerries who were dug in below us got wise and began firing with heavy artillery.

SHELL HITS ROMEO

"I was just climbing a fence when a shell landed behind me. The concussion threw me about 20 feet, right into a river. My buddy ran up and pulled me out. I was paralyzed from the concussion and couldn't move. I thought I'd never move again.

"All at once I saw a bunch of big Jerry tanks coming. I moved then. I stumbled up a hill and when I looked back I saw the Germans had flattened the town and had set everything afire. The whole town was in flames and our wounded men and medics were in the middle of it. They didn't even have a slim chance of getting out. I'll never forget how I felt when I saw that."

Romeo eventually caught up with his companions and after a 14-hour trek through ten miles of timbered ridges they made it to the American line. The Hogan task force was back from the dead.

Kidd Tops Kidders, Gets \$25 Prize

"It's a lie," shouted T-Sgt. Robert C. Kidd when they handed him a check for \$25.

And that's what it was that won him the check—a lie judged the best and biggest in a "Tall Tales" contest conducted in the Red Cross auditorium last Thursday by the Richmond Elks Lodge.

The story Kidd submitted concerned an ocean trip home from Iceland, where he was stationed for 13 months before going into action in Germany. During the voyage, Kidd fibbed, a storm of gigantic proportions struck the ship and put such a strain on the vessel's engines that all the fuel oil was used up "leaving us stranded in the middle of the ocean."

"However," the sergeant's whopper continued, "the wind died down to a 180-mile an hour gale. We were blown past a school of whales and a sudden gust of wind ripped off one of the plates and drove it deep into the largest whale.

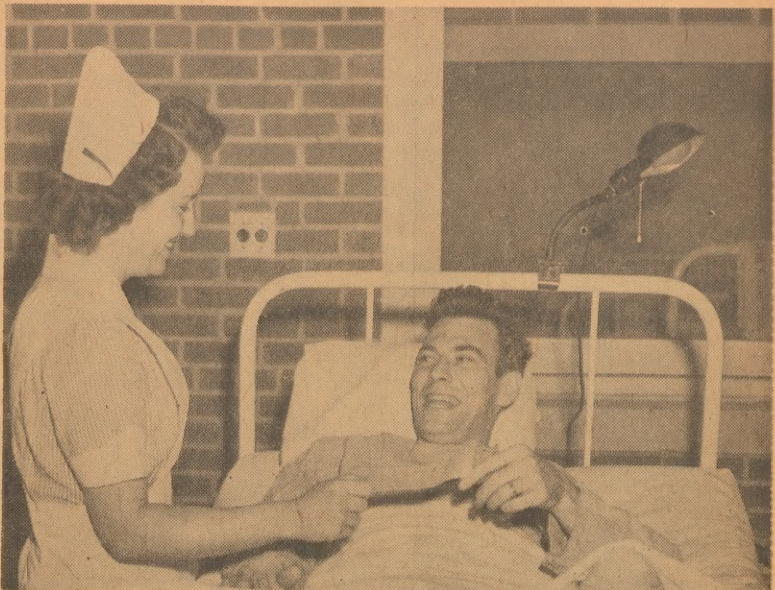
"Our skipper, being a man of great foresight, ordered a boat lowered and we rowed out and brought the stricken whale back and made it fast to the ship. Then he ordered the cooks to 'prepare to render blubber' and within 24 hours they had rendered enough whale to give us motor power all the way to New York harbor.

"The carcass of the whale was towed along with us to port in case we needed more fuel, and after the weather cleared we organized two baseball teams and used the whale's back as a ball diamond."

Second prize in the contest, a check for \$10, was awarded to Private Michael Kotanchik, Ward 43, for a story about three men mopping a floor, "assisted" by a fourth who repeatedly wheeled in an empty wheelbarrow, dumped it studiously and went back outside.

Queried as to the purpose of his movements, the stooge replied, according to Kotanchik:

"We want to get finished in a hurry, so I bring in these wheelbarrows full of sunshine and dump them here on the wet place to dry the floor off faster."



SGT. KIDD GETS HIS CHECK for \$25 which he won at last Thursday's Elks Club whopper contest.

Stars and Stripes Vet Joins Banner Staff

S-Sgt. Dick Bruner, former correspondent with the London and Mediterranean editions of The Stars and Stripes, this week joined the staff of the McGuire BANNER and the Public Relations Office.

A Philadelphian, Sgt. Bruner served as a war correspondent during the Tunisian campaign in North Africa and conducted the "Yank About Town" gossip column in the Algiers paper. The "Yank About Town" column was also broadcast by Sgt. Bruner to Italy, Sicily and all North Africa over the American Expeditionary Station in Algiers.

Bruner was overseas two and a half years.

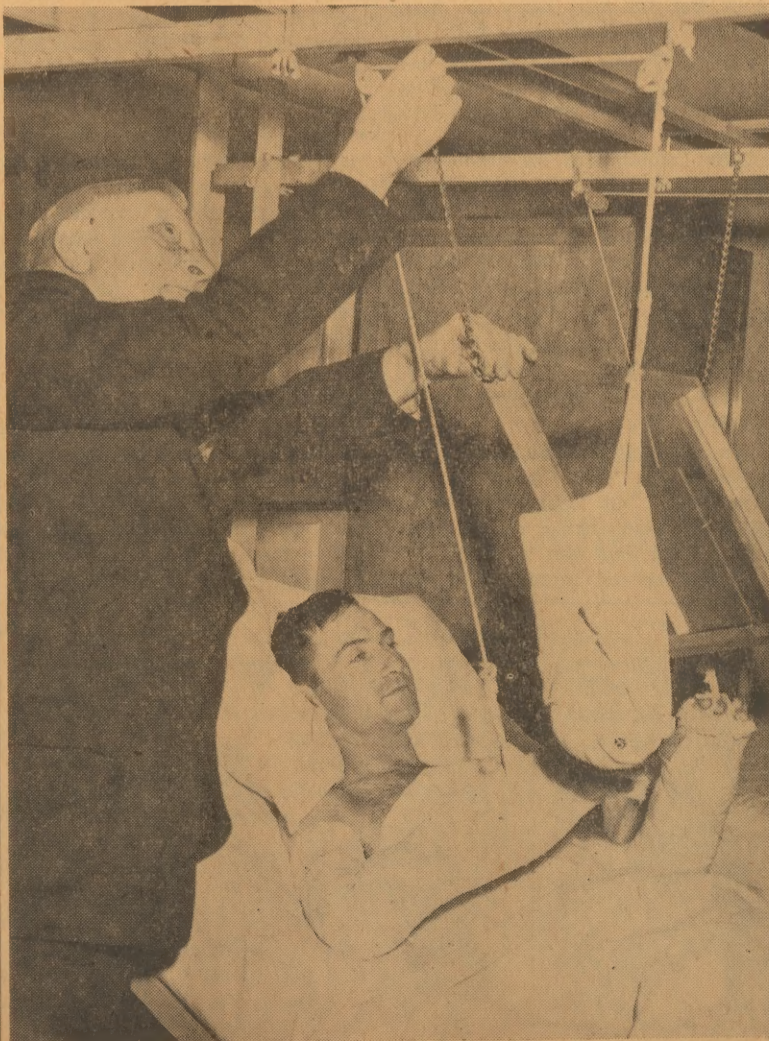
Guard Chief Smith Leaving for Denver

Arthur M. Smith, chief of civilian guards since April 1, 1944 will leave McGuire next Monday to take up employment with Gates Rubber Co., Denver, Colorado.

Chief Smith's duties there will include the interviewing, placement and instruction in rubber production of returned veterans.

He will be succeeded here by Guard Sgt. Henry C. Lawrence.

Books in Bed



FOR PATIENTS WHOSE BOTH ARMS are out of commission, Dr. D. C. Morton has contrived a novel device to hold a book at an adjustable distance from a patient's eyes. Seen trying out the invention with Dr. Morton, and apparently enjoying the experience is Lt. Seymour Holston, patient in Ward 17.

Two Patients Win Bronze Star Medal

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Fourteen days later Cpl. Schoeb was wounded in the leg by enemy shrapnel and flown back to the States for treatment at McGuire.

Pvt. Reese, Ward 13, who hails from Pottsville, Pa., received the Bronze Star for "heroic service in action against the enemy in France."

A short time before the Allied breakthrough to the Rhine, Pvt. Reese, a radio operator with a cannon company, was advancing with his outfit toward a Nazi-occupied town atop a large hill. As they approached the hill the mortar and artillery fire grew more and more intense and one of the shell fragments demolished Pvt. Reese's radio.

After returning to headquarters for a new radio, Pvt. Reese set out to rejoin his forces. However, by this time the artillery fire was landing behind his own lines forcing him to crawl along the ground and pick his way through the barrage.

As he crawled Pvt. Reese saw that the barrage had cut his outfit's communication lines. His buddies were completely cut off from headquarters. Without a moment's hesitation Pvt. Reese set about repairing the lines despite the fact that a slab of enemy shrapnel had caught him in the right arm.

Pvt. Davis

After treatment at his battalion aid station, Pvt. Reese was soon back in the thick of it. After two hours of fighting, however, and just as his outfit moved into the town, Pvt. Reese was put out of action by a Jerry sniper's bullet.

Shortly thereafter, Reese returned to the States and was hospitalized at McGuire where he has been receiving treatment for the bullet wound in his right side.

Convalescence At Patient's Home Approved by WD

A War Department memorandum granted authority this week to commanders of general and convalescent hospitals and service commands to allow "severely disabled patients" to go home on temporary duty with monetary allowance for periods not to exceed 30 days if their recovery will materially benefit by being home.

50-cent Favor

Hannibal, Mo. (CNS)—A motorist knocked down a pedestrian, picked him up, dusted him off and droye him home. Then the driver charged his victim 50 cents for the ride.



COACH CONWAY



COACH CRAPO

Softballers' Power Seen at 1944 Peak

Twenty-five candidates for the McGuire Generals softball team answered the first call for practice at the gymnasium this week and Manager-Coach Bob Conway said he was well pleased with the turnout.

The opening session drew seven of the eight veterans of last year's squad and a promising group of rookies. Missing

1st Practice Next Monday For Girls' 10

Candidates for the McGuirettes softball team will hold their first official practice of the 1945 season on Monday night at the post gymnasium, it was announced today by Manager-Coach Clare Crapo.

The team will be made up of cadet nurses, civilians, army nurses and Wacs and will play in the Rebel league, a division of last year's powerful Dixie league in Richmond.

"I'm sure we'll be able to field a team that will hold its own in the league," asserted Lt. Crapo, who was selected as one of the outstanding outfielders in the loop last season. "It's still too early to make any predictions, but we'll do all right."

Tentative organization of the McGuirettes began this week, when Lt. Crapo supervised inaugural practices of three different groups which will field teams in an intra-mural league planned for the post. Outstanding players were selected and will report for the post girls' team.

Lt. Crapo said the players chosen would play on the team representing their group and, in addition, the one night a week which the McGuirettes perform in the Richmond league which gets underway on Wednesday, May 9.

Clubs Suggest Postponement Of Tree Planting

Recommendation that planting of trees on the post be postponed until next fall has been made to Colonel Duggins by representatives of Richmond garden clubs.

The proposal was made following offers by the clubs to supplement the War Department's landscaping project with the planting of shade trees in certain selected areas. Only shrubs are included in the War Department's plan.

It was estimated the voluntary planting project will entail a cost to the clubs of \$15,000 to \$20,000. Money will be raised from members and other contributions solicited by the clubs.

Reasons for recommended postponement are 1) unseasonable weather which requires earlier planting, 2) inadequate labor supply, and 3) indefinite status of present construction plans, making it difficult to select locations for trees.

Trees planted by the clubs will serve as memorials to Richmond's war dead.

from among the holdovers was Cpl. Elmer Finkler, outfielder, who is absent from the post on a DS trip.

"Although it's pretty early to try to estimate our strength this year," Conway said, "it looks to me as though we may round up a squad at least as strong as the one we had last year."

Conway emphasized that all positions on the 1945 edition of the Generals were open and urged candidates interested to report to him.

Because of the lack of playing facilities on the post at present, all future practice sessions will be held at Fonticello Park, with transportation furnished for players. Conway said that unless construction work on the athletic fields was started soon it might be necessary to play most of the games this summer at one of the city parks.

The Generals have entered the "A" division of the Richmond Municipal league, which is scheduled to open competition on Tuesday, May 8. Last year's team finished in second place in the same league. Lt. John J. Berman, special services officer, said it was planned also to schedule games with army posts in the immediate area.

The probability of two practice games, on Monday and Wednesday nights next week, was seen by Conway. Arrangements have not been completed, but if the games are booked they most likely will be played at Fonticello Park.

"I prefer to play a few practice games rather than merely have hitting and fielding practice," Conway said. "It gives a better line on a player's potentialities and also peps up the sessions considerably. We'll play as many practice games as we can get."

Intra-Post Golf Tournaments Planned

Tentative plans for a series of intra-post golf tournaments this summer were revealed today by Lt. John J. Berman, special services officer.

Lt. Berman urged all golfers who have clubs and balls at their homes to send for them as soon as possible. All players will be required to supply whatever they need, since such equipment cannot be furnished.

"There's a possibility we may be able to provide a few sets of clubs, but balls are a rarity and we can't buy them," Lt. Berman said. "Everyone wants to play golf—and we hope a lot of people will—must provide his own equipment."

Several types of tournaments, including the popular "blind bogey," will be scheduled. Play will be open to duty personnel, civilians and patients.

Post Theater

Week of Thursday, April. Shows start at 6:15 and 8:15 p.m. Sunday matinee 2 p.m. Patients not admitted to 8:15 shows.

THURSDAY—"It's a Pleasure," with Sonja Henie, Michael O'Shea, Marie MacDonald.

SATURDAY—"The Enchanted Cottage," with Robert Young, Dorothy McGuire, Herbert Marshall.

SUNDAY—"Brewster's Millions," with Dennis O'Keefe, June Havoc, Rochester.

TUESDAY—"The Power of the Whistler," with Richard Dix, Janis Carter.

WEDNESDAY—"Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs" (Walt Disney-Special Feature)

Military Personnel, Trojans Take Volleyball Trophies

Winter sports activity at McGuire came to an official end Tuesday night with Military Personnel and the Trojans winning the men's and women's intra-post volleyball tournaments, respectively, at the gymnasium.

The victory for Military Personnel was the second straight for the squad, which grabbed the intra-post basketball title last month.

Both champions went into the finals in underdog roles, each having lost one previous match in the double elimination tournament. Their twin victories were ranked as mild upsets.

Military Personnel defeated the WOWs, 3-15, 15-8 and 15-11 in the opening match, forcing the finals into an extra match with each team charged with a single loss. The WOWs again won the opening game, this time by 9-15, and lost the second by 15-8.

The deciding game went to deuce and required 15 serves before Military Personnel clinched the deciding points and the championship, 18-16. Bob Conway, Larry Roffman and Walt Ancypowic again were the big guns for the WOWs, with Bill Allison and Bob Morris handling the brunt of the play for Military Personnel.

Other members of the championship squad are William "Ham" Flannagan, Charlie Wolf, Johnny Sheppard, Harry Gallin, Abe Richmond and Johnny Atmanchik.

The Trojans, made up of Cadet Nurses, also went into the finals with one defeat and battled through two three-game matches before defeating the Better Halves for the women's title.

The champions had tough going in the first match winning the game 15-11, but losing the second by 14-16. They turned on the heat in the final and won by 15-6.

In the second match, with the

Grudge Games

Want a crack at the champions? Or another chance at a team that defeated you?

Lt. John J. Berman, special services officer, announced today that any volleyball team desiring to challenge another could contact his office and a "grudge" match would be arranged.

Results will have no effect on final tournament standings.

championship at stake, the Trojans won 15-12, 7-15 and 15-7.

Pacing the Trojans were Dorothy Barmoy and Shirley Ocker. Other members of the team are Betty Sharpnack, Mary Forcellini, Mildred Reed and Mildred Blitva.

Gone to Pot

Milwaukee (CNS)—A little boy, his head wrapped in a scarf, sat next to his mother on a crowded bus. Suddenly the scarf fell off disclosing the boy's head encased in a kitchen pot. "Well, all right," his mother said. "He's stuck and we're on our way to a blacksmith."

Good Neighbor

New York (CNS)—An unidentified man sauntered nonchalantly down Eighth Avenue, slugging pedestrians right and left. After he had felled a dozen with his ham-like fists, the police collared him. "I'm just mean," he explained.

Nocturne

Knoxville, Tenn. (CNS)—Grounds for divorce: Every night, George Buckner told the court, his wife, Edith, would awaken him at 2 a.m. by pounding his head with her fists. "It made me very nervous," he testified in a divorce petition.

Some women attain their ends by not taking enough exercise.

Open House

(Continued from Page 3) hit and subsequently evacuated to McGuire. In Ward 56 the boys met again.

Also to be featured on the broadcast will be bits of typical patients' conversation and special music furnished by the McGuire Band.

The show will be broadcast over WRVA Saturday at 4 p.m.

Male Call

by Milton Caniff, creator of "Terry and the Pirates"

Snappy Story

